

## Mendenhall Is One Of Six Top Agents

Macon County Agent S. W. Mendenhall is one of six North Carolina farm agents singled out for recognition by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, which is now holding its annual convention in Chicago, Ill.

Also included in the six is John W. Artz, a former assistant county farm agent here, who has been county agent in Gates since 1938.

The outstanding agents received Distinguished Service Awards at ceremonies Tuesday. Mr. Mendenhall was unable to attend this year's convention.

Each year the association honors not more than two per



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cent of its members in each state. The awards are presented to agents who have "served outstandingly at least 10 years as a county extension worker, must have worked out and put into effect a county agricultural program, which includes carrying to completion some constructive and outstanding work, should be actively interested in the improvement of the profession, and should have studied some specific agricultural subject by group, correspondence, SEE NO. 1, PAGE 16

## Fund-Raising Supper Planned On Saturday At The Iotla School

A box supper and cake walk is planned Saturday night at Iotla school, with proceeds earmarked for purchasing a projector and window shades for the school, it has been announced.

The event will get under way at 7:30 o'clock and everyone is invited to attend, it was said.

## MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

Who won the Negro football game last Wednesday night? The weather did, according to Prof. Hines, and he should know since Chapel school was sponsoring the grid battle between the Consolidated School of Sylva and the Boy's Industrial Institute of Toccoa, Ga. Her caused the postponement of the game once, and when it started raining Wednesday Chapel School decided to chuck the whole deal, at least for this year. Yep, the game will still be played—next year that is, giving the elements plenty of time to make up their minds.

There has been plenty of speculation as to what retired restaurateur Prelo Dryman has up his sleeve in the way of a new business. Well, the word's out. Mr. Dryman, "Just Call Me Prelo", who sold his cafe on Main Street several months back and has been catching up on fresh air and sunshine since, is completely reversing his field. Instead of feedin' 'em, he's going to clothe 'em for a change. A most reliable source, Mr. Dryman himself, tells that he is going to open a men's clothing store soon in the building formerly occupied by Reeves Hardware Company.

The S and L Store got a face lifting this week with new white and red-stripped metal awnings.

## SCHOOL FUND GETS FORFEITS

### Out-Of-Staters 'Give' \$4,610 For Not Showing Up

Out-of-state law breakers, who chose to forfeit cash bonds rather than appear in court, sent \$4,610 into the county school fund during criminal proceedings in court here Monday and Tuesday.

Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., said 23 cash bonds were forfeited—money which, by law, goes to the schools. He explained that the court may confiscate a cash bond if a defendant fails to appear in court for two consecutive terms.

The county education system stands to profit still more from the present court term, for, in addition to forfeitures, fines also are earmarked by law for the school fund. According to Miss Kate McKee, clerk of superior court, fines still are being collected and a total figure will be ready for publication next week.

## Board Talks Negro School Cost Cutting

How to build the new Chapel (Negro) School for \$40,000 is a major problem to the county board of education since low bids for the school's construction went nearly \$30,000 over the allocation.

In special session Monday afternoon, the board authorized County School Supt. Holland McSwain to work with contractors in revising the present plans in an attempt to bring construction costs within the \$40,000 allocation for building the school.

Lowest bids for the job totaled \$66,851.25, in addition to a \$4,011.08 architect fee.

One proposal to cut costs was discussed by board members. That is to eliminate the proposed wing on the two-story building, which would house a combination lunchroom-auditorium, and shift the lunchroom-auditorium to the basement of the building. The board previously had discussed using the basement in the future for high school students, who presently are attending the consolidated high school Jackson County. When funds are available, the board reasoned that a new wing could be added to the building for high school grades.

G. L. Hines, principal of Chapel School, and Bill Lenor were present at the meeting in behalf of the Negro school patrons.

Ed Bradley and Paul Swafford, spokesmen for the Iotla Parent-Teacher Association, reported that improper drainage SEE NO. 3, PAGE 16

## WOMAN'S CLUB 'BABY DRIVE' IS NOW IN PROGRESS HERE

The Franklin Junior Woman's Club has babies on its mind again—homeless ones, that is.

Collecting funds for the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., is the top drawer project of woman's clubs all over the state and the annual campaign to assure that homeless babies will have the love and security of a happy family life is now under way.

The Franklin club is raising its share of the \$55,000 state quota under the leadership of Miss Lillian Jones, project chairman.

Proof that the work being done by the children's home, which is located in Greensboro and is supported solely by citizens through voluntary contributions, is tied directly to life in Macon County is the fact that 59 orphaned babies have been placed for adoption by the society in the past 25 years, the chairman pointed out. SEE NO. 2, PAGE 16

## PHONE RATE HEARING IS UNDER WAY

### W.C.T.C. Has Amended Increase Petition To Commission

Hearings on the Western Carolina Telephone Company's petition for an increase in telephone rental rates in Franklin, Highlands, and the 14 other Western North Carolina towns served by the State Utilities Commission in Asheville Tuesday.

The original petition sought a flat increase of \$1.25 rental per month on all telephones, but it developed at the hearing that the petition has been amended, modifying the proposed increases.

Under the amended petition, the one-party residential monthly increase would be 75 cents, rather than \$1.25, in Franklin, Highlands, Bryson City, and Sylva.

Most of Tuesday was devoted to hearing testimony of the company and A. C. Shote, Utilities Commission auditor.

Wednesday, Harold K. Bennett, of the Asheville law firm of Ward and Bennett, representing Franklin and Macon County opponents of the increase, and other attorneys representing opponents in other towns served, resumed the cross-examination of Mr. Shote, begun late Tuesday.

## NEW POWER PROJECT SET

### N.P.&L. Announces Plans For Building New Jackson Unit

The Nantahala Power and Light company this week announced plans for building a new hydro-electric plant in Jackson county, which will complete the company's development of the east fork of the Tuckaseegee river.

When completed the new project will bring to 10 the number of hydro-electric plants owned by N.P. & L. in the five-county area of Macon, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, and Graham.

Contract for the project, which will be known as the Tennessee Creek development, has been awarded to the Harrison Construction company in Pittsburgh, Pa., according to John M. Archer, Jr., president of N.P. & L., which has its home offices in Franklin. Cost of the development will SEE NO. 4, PAGE 16

## BACK FROM KOREA

Lt. James C. Horsley, Jr., has returned from duty with the air force in Korea and is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horsley.

## BAG DEER

Carey Angel, of Cullasaja, and Junior Carpenter, of Franklin, both bagged deer during the three-day hunt last week. Mr. Angel's buck weighed 167 pounds.

## Lodge Plans Centennial Supper Here

Junaluske Lodge No. 145, A. F. and A. M., will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its chartering with a dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the Franklin School cafeteria.

The lodge, which was chartered December 9, 1853—more than eight years before the outbreak of the Civil War—is one of the two or three oldest organizations in the community.

The local lodge, as it begins its second century, is laying plans for a new Masonic hall to replace the present structure on Church street. A committee already is at work on plans.

Highlight of Tuesday evening's program will be an address by Leon Gray, superintendent of the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford. Other program features are being worked out. B. L. McGlamery will serve as master of ceremonies.

The dinner will climax a series of centennial events, among which were a picnic at the Nantahala camp of A. B. Slagle last summer and a recent masters' night, at which all living past masters were honored. Ernest Hyde is present worshipful master of the lodge, which now has approximately 150 on its membership roll.

Plans for the dinner, set for 7:30 o'clock, are being made by a committee headed by J. L. (Jimmy) Hauser. Other members are John M. Archer, Jr., Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., T. T. Love, and Hunter Calloway. The dinner will be served by members of the Cowee P. T. A.

Attending the dinner will be Masons, their wives, and their guests.

## 'Dear Ruth' Play Opens Tomorrow

"Dear Ruth", a play centering around the anxious moments of a teen-age girl, "I consider myself quite mature", who signed her sister's name to love letters going to a serviceman overseas, will open at the East Franklin school tomorrow (Friday) for a two-night run. Curtain time both Friday and Saturday will be 8 p. m.

The cast is composed entirely of local talent and the play is being staged by one of Franklin's newest organizations, The Community Players. Proceeds are earmarked for the Franklin Jaycees' swimming pool project. The play is the first of several planned by the organization.

Admission will be 90 cents, according to Mrs. Ted Reber, president of the theatrical group.

Having roles are: Miss Margaret Crawford, as "Miriam", who throws her family into an uproar by carrying on a V-mail love affair with a B-26 gunner using her sister's name.

E. J. Carpenter, as "Judge Wilkins", and Mrs. Joyce Cagle, as "Edith Wilkins, Miriam's harassed parents, who threaten to have their youngest daughter psychoanalyzed.

Miss Inez Crawford, as "Ruth Wilkins", Miriam's sister, who is in love with a bank executive, "Albert Kummer", played by Fred Dowdle, and finds her life even more complicated when "Lt. William Seawright", J. P. Brady, returns from overseas to marry the "Ruth" in Miriam's letters.

The lieutenant's sergeant is played by Lowell McKee, who is the ex-fiancee of the lieutenant's sister, "Martha", Miss Jenna Sue Cunningham.

"Dora", the Wilkins' maid is Miss Margaret Jones. Stage sets are being prepared by the Franklin High School Dramatics Class and the play is being directed by Mrs. Lois Jones.

## BLAINE PROMOTED

Turner H. Blaine, who is serving with the army in Korea, recently was promoted to sergeant, according to information received by his mother, Mrs. Earl Blaine, of Franklin, Route 1.

## Judge Closes Out Criminal Session

### Grand Jury Reports For Two Court Terms Are Similar

A striking similarity is noted in the grand jury report of this term of court and the one prepared by the grand jury during the August term of superior court.

Almost without exception, the recommendations made by both court bodies are identical, including conditions at the county home, needed repairs at the jail, and a suggestion that a new courthouse be built as soon as funds are available.

Because of weather conditions Tuesday when the jurors made inspections of county facilities, no visit was made to the prison camp.

The report follows:

Report of committee visiting jail: Repairs needed to window on South side of hall upstairs, facing and screens in bad condition. Screens should be on inside of windows to prevent prisoners breaking glass. Cell on north side of building door torn off hinges, ceiling and windows need repairing. Lock and frame on outside door in need of repairs. Bars on west window in hallway need west-SEE NO. 5, PAGE 16

## LUNCHROOM IS OPENED

### Cullasaja School Plans Supper Saturday To Equip Addition

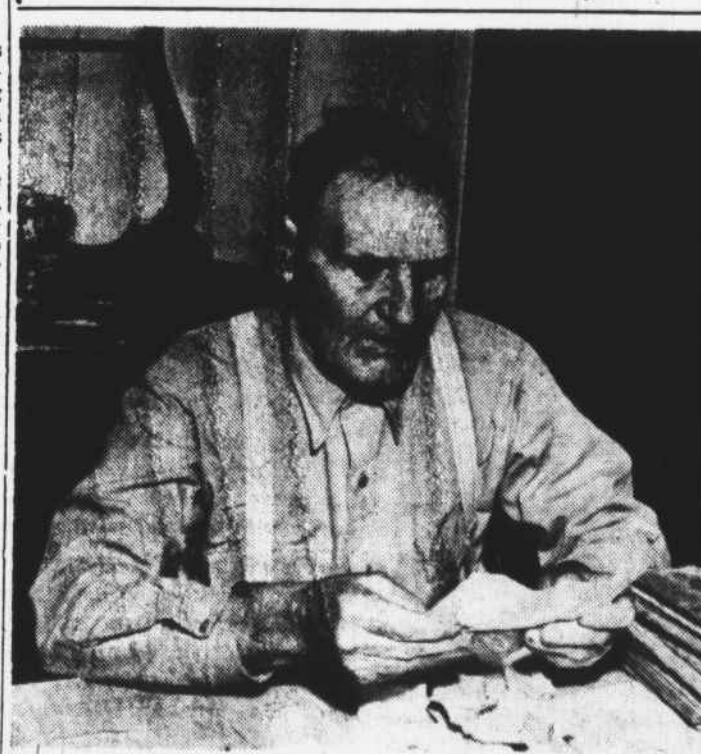
The concerted push for a lunchroom at Cullasaja school, which started when the school opened its doors in 1947, is over.

Yesterday (Wednesday) the school's children ate their noon meal in a spanking new lunchroom, which has just been completed at a cost of approximately \$8,000.

Efforts of the community's citizens and P. T. A. are now being channeled toward equipping the new addition.

Accordingly, Saturday night from 6 to 8 o'clock, a benefit supper is planned at the school and the public is invited to attend. The price per plate will be 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults. The menu includes a choice of turkey, barbecued ham, or chicken. Mrs. C. T. Bryson is chairman of the P. T. A. supper committee. Through benefit parties, sales, SEE NO. 6, PAGE 16

## Fifty-two Years Of Tax Receipts



Why would a man keep 52 years of tax receipts? James S. Grant, Jr., of Nantahala, explains why he has, "You never can tell when you'll need them". He paid his first taxes in 1900 in the Nantahala Township of Swain County and has saved every receipt since then. Mr. Grant, who was reared on Wesser Creek in Swain, has been living in Nantahala for the past 30 years. In his 76 years, he worked for the U. S. Forest Service, has been a powderman, railroad apprentice foreman, foreman on the Winding Stairs road project, woods foreman in timber cutting, talc miner, and rock quarryman.

### Courthouse And Jail Are Old Subjects To The Judge

The county's antiquated courthouse and inadequate jail are old and worn subjects for Judge William H. Bobbitt.

And in his charge to the grand jury Monday morning, he touched only lightly on the two, after explaining that he covered them fully during a court term here in 1941 and again at this past August term of court.

For years, grand juries here have been inspecting the 71-year-old courthouse and for as many years have been recommending a new structure to replace it. The old jail—which has jumped into prominence in recent years with its high rate of jail breaks—also has come under steady fire from grand juries.

Judge Bobbitt called the jail breaks to the attention of the jury and said the matter of providing better facilities rests with the people of the county.

The courthouse and jail apparently are not adequate for a county the size of Macon, he added.

In his charge, he briefly explained the duties of a grand jury and its relationship to criminal law. He emphasized that it is not the duty of the body to determine whether a defendant is guilty or not, but to decide if the state's evidence is substantial enough in character to put the defendant on trial.

The return of a true bill by a grand jury is not evidence that a defendant is guilty, he said, for the accused may plead not guilty and the court will proceed on the assumption that he is innocent until proven otherwise.

Law is not a standard of punishment, but a standard of conduct set up by the people for their own protection, he explained.

J. N. Fisher, of Sealy, was appointed foreman of the jury by the court.

Other members of the 18-man body included Lex Angel, V. C. DeHart, Weaver Gibson, W. S. Calhoun, Frank Sanders, Henry B. Cade, D. A. Hall, Cecil Green, Clayton Bateman, H. D. Ditmore, Parker Raby, Emils Meadows, Ray Franklin, John Brendie, D. A. Leford, Clarence Peck, and Grady Wilkes.

James Robert Moore, drunk driving, 90 days suspended, \$100, costs.

Carlos Adams Rogers, drunk driving, nol pros with leave.

Everett Jenkins, larceny, nol pros with leave.

Dock Gibson, abandonment, nol pros with leave.

Leighton Moss, drunk driving, nol pros with leave.

Ray Fountain, transporting and possession of whiskey, nol pros with leave.

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Rufus A. Askew, fraud, alias capias ordered.

Jesse C. Cunningham, speeding, nol pros with leave.

Dellias Holland, drunk driving, 90 days suspended, \$100, costs.

Willy Ray Tallent, manslaughter, defendant deceased, action removed from docket.

Echel Rowland, forcible trespass, continued.

Lawrence G. Sanders, abandonment, 12 months suspended, costs, court ordered payments for support of child.

Homer E. Stiwinter, drunk driving, nol pros with leave.

Wayne Leford, abandonment, capias issued.

Charles Burgess, drunk driving, capias issued.

Herman Leford, aiding and abetting drunk driving, nol pros with leave.

Marvin McDowell, drunk driving, nol pros with leave.

J. R. Lunsford, no driver's license, nol pros with leave.

Bennie Queen, failure to give title to automobile, nol pros with leave.

J. B. Hall, transporting whiskey and possession of burglary tools, continued.

Jake Hall, drunk driving, transporting whiskey, carrying concealed weapon, and possession of burglary tools, continued.

David Lee Overman, Jr., possession of burglary tools, nol pros with leave.

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## AN APOLOGY

It was erroneously stated in last week's issue of The Press that Charlie William Paul was charged with drunk driving and manslaughter. His charge should have read reckless driving and manslaughter. The error is regretted. The grand jury found that Mr. Paul's manslaughter charge was not a true bill and the reckless driving count was continued.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Siles, U. S. weather observer, and at the Cowetta Hydrologic Laboratory:

### FRANKLIN

#### Temperatures

High Low Rain

Wednesday ..... 59 50 .43

Thursday ..... 50 34 ....

Friday ..... 45 20 ....

Saturday ..... 42 21 trace

Sunday ..... 50 28 ....

Monday ..... 47 18 ....

Tuesday ..... 41 31 .55

### COWETTA

#### Temperatures

High Low Rain

Wednesday ..... 59 51 1.24

Thursday ..... 44 28 ....

Friday ..... 46 15 ....

Saturday ..... 41 20 ....

Sunday ..... 50 25 .03

Monday ..... 44 16 ....

Tuesday ..... 41 29 .72